



# The National Park Service

## **Commercial Use Authorizations (Formerly Incidental Business Permits (IBP)) National Park Service, Island of Hawaii**

Section 418 of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, Public Law 105-391 (Section 418), authorizes the National Park Service (NPS) to issue commercial use authorizations (CUAs) to persons (referring to individuals, corporations, and other entities) to provide commercial services to park area visitors in limited circumstances. CUAs provide a means to authorize suitable commercial services to visitors in park areas. The CUA is used to provide for incidental use of park area resources by operators who provide commercial services originating and terminating outside of the park area (Out-of-Park-Services). Prior to 2007, these services were typically authorized by the Incidental Business Permit (IBP).

The permit system will apply to all companies providing commercial visitor services to units of the National Park System, including taxi services providing tours.

The four National Park Service areas on the Island of Hawaii (Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site, Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park and Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park) are coordinating efforts to streamline the permit process for our permit holders and for ourselves. Starting in 2007 all CUA's will be issued from the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park office. Each company may make the request for their permit to apply to one or all four parks on the Island of Hawaii.

### **What does this mean to your company?**

The complete instruction and application package is available on the website [www.nps.gov/havo](http://www.nps.gov/havo). Click on "Management" on the left side menu and Permits on the next screen.

#### Application

The application process is similar to the IBP process but all applications will be sent to Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

#### Insurance

The insurance requirements will remain the same, a minimum of \$300,000 general liability and all liability policies must specify that the insurance company will (1) have no right or subrogation against the United States of America AND must (2) provide that the United States of America is named an additional insured. Copies of your insurance statements are again needed to ensure that you have proper coverage for any incidents that may occur. CUA regulations require updated insurance records.

#### Reports

All National Park Service (NPS) areas are required to report *visitor use statistics*, previously called *visitor counts*, to the NPS Washington Office via a web-based system. To develop a more accurate visitation assessment, we need our partners' support in recording the type of use and number of visitors your company brings to the NPS areas.

#### Fees

Entrance fees will remain the same for commercial use.



# The National Park Service

## Entrance Fees

### Non-Road Based Guided Tours

**\$5.00 per person\***

(Commercial groups participating in non-road based activities (hiking, bicycling, etc.)

\*This fee is waived for visitors under 16.

### Road Based Tours:

Capacity	User Fee
1-6	\$ 25.00 + \$5.00 per person
7-15 person van	\$75.00
16-25 person mini-bus	\$100.00
26, or more, person bus	\$200.00

## Permit Fees

**One-Year Authorization: \$200 for one park and \$400 for all four parks.**

\*New applicants will only be allowed to apply for the One-Year Permit.

**Two-Year Authorization: \$300 for one park and \$500 for all four parks.**

**\*For Combination Permit at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park add an additional \$50 to the permit.**

Should you have questions regarding this information please contact the Commercial Services office at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park at 808/985-6027.